

HOUSE No. 3393

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the status of Massachusetts veterans long term care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
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Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
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Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

RESOLVE

Resolved,

1 *Resolved*, There is hereby established a special commission to
2 evaluate the status of Massachusetts' veterans long term care services,
3 the need of such veterans for long term care services, and the
4 feasibility of establishing comprehensive long term care services
5 for such veterans. Said study shall include, but not be limited to,
6 an examination of the following factors: (1) an exhaustive
7 analysis of the number of veteran's who may need institutional
8 care and community-based long term care services in the Commonwealth;
9 (2) the extent and nature of long term care services
10 currently available to such veterans; (3) an itemized list by location
11 and size of any and all federally owned facilities or spaces
12 that may serve as long term care facilities that may provide such
13 services to such veterans, including the number of empty beds, so-called,
14 per facility that may be available for the provision of such
15 services; (5) a cost-benefit analysis of the number of beds
16 required to serve any and all veterans that may not currently have
17 access to such long term care services; (6) the commonwealth's
18 liability for subsidizing any and all long term care services that
19 the commission deems necessary to provide quality care to such
20 veterans; (7) a detailed and actuarially-sound assessment of the
21 costs associated with establishing an independent program of long

term care for such veterans who may be in need of long term care in Massachusetts; and (8) the availability of federal financial participation in establishing or expanding long term care services to such veterans.

Said commission shall consist of the secretary of administration and finance, the commissioner of the division of medical assistance, the commissioner of the division of health care finance and policy, the commissioner of the department of public health, the secretary of elder affairs, the commissioner of the department of veterans services, and the commandants of the Chelsea and Holyoke soldier's homes and four persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the extended care federation, one of whom shall be a representative of health care for all, and two of whom shall be citizens who shall represent the interests of such veterans: and two members of the house and one member of the senate.

Said commission shall file a report on the results of its study, together with recommendations and any legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, and the house and senate committees on ways and means, no later than March 25, 2010.